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Appellants' Reply Brief was received and entered on 12/10/2003. The examiner believes that the second paragraph under the section "Response to Argument" in the Examiner's Answer adequately addressed the issues that "Sayler does not cure the deficiency" (Paragraph B in Appellant's Appeal Brief).

Supplemental Examiner's Answer is not permitted accordingly to 37 CFR 1.193(b). Therefore, Supplemental Examiner's Answer will not be submitted. The case is send to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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